

# EPILEPSY EDUCATOR

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Thank you Winnipeg Transit for helping ESAM to promote epilepsy awareness! We were grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Community Bus program in 2021.

For the month of August 2021, the Community Bus carried an epilepsy awareness message on the outside and inside of the bus!



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# Purple Day 2021

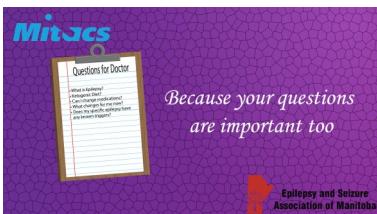
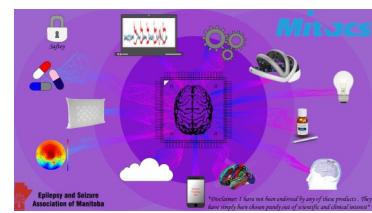
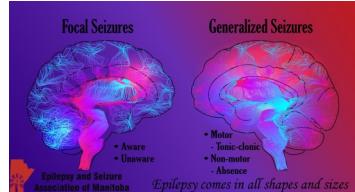


# Purple Day Window/Door Art Contest



# Mitacs

As part of a partnership with Health Sciences Centre, University of Manitoba and Mitacs, ESAM was fortunate to have a graduate student develop social media postings for the month of March 2021, culminating on Purple Day 2021. The postings were made available on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



# Manitoba Investing In Enhanced Adult Epilepsy Monitoring Unit

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May 10, 2021 -

## **Expanded Unit Will Improve Epilepsy Services, Helping Protect Manitobans Closer to Home: Stefanson**

The Manitoba government will invest \$4 million toward expanding HSC Winnipeg's adult epilepsy monitoring unit, a crucial step toward reducing the need for patients to travel outside the province for treatment by providing better care that is closer to home, Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson announced today.

"As part of Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan, we are broadening the array of specialty services available in this province, beginning with epileptic care," said Stefanson. "The expansion of the adult epilepsy monitoring unit at HSC Winnipeg is a pivotal step toward reducing the need for patients to leave their support network behind to receive care outside this province and toward decreasing costs for anti-epileptic medications – costs that can then be reinvested into providing care for Manitobans."

The investment will expand the adult epilepsy-monitoring unit to four beds from two and purchase new, state-of-the-art monitoring equipment, as well as provide technology-related upgrades. When the project is complete, the expanded unit will improve access to state-of-the-art diagnostic services for Manitobans living with, or suspected of having, seizure disorders.

"The expansion of the adult epilepsy-monitoring unit will allow our talented neurology team to provide effective, timely investigations for adult patients with epilepsy and advance the level of care available to them in our province," said Dr. Eberhard Renner, provincial lead for internal medicine, Shared Health. "Patients will benefit from increased access to improved services that will help them overcome what often is a debilitating condition."

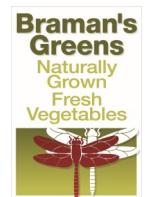
The expanded adult unit follows the creation of a pediatric epilepsy surgery program in 2018. Epilepsy is a chronic neurological condition characterized by recurrent seizures that range in frequency from less than one per year to many per day. There are approximately 23,000 Manitobans who live with epilepsy and/or seizure disorders. As many as one in 10 Manitobans will experience at least one epileptic seizure in their lifetime.

For more information on *Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan*, visit:  
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/about/clinical-planning>.

# Maurice Dumontier Memorial Golf Tournament

After two postponed dates, one due to COVID restrictions and one due to 70 KM/Hr gusting winds and rain, the 29th annual Maurice Dumontier Memorial Golf Tournament took place Saturday September 11 at the Transcona Golf Club.

Thank you to everyone who golfed, volunteered, and who supported ESAM through sponsorships and donations for the tournament. We truly value your ongoing support and the tournament would not be possible without your generosity.



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# Purple Day Bunny Hop 2021



MFRC Childcare Centre	
South Park Child Care Co-Op	
Phoenix School	Angel's 24 Hour Childcare Home
Univillage Daycare	
Glenella School	New Beginnings, Thompson
L'il Wheels Day Care	New Beginnings, Wabowden
St. Claude Children's Centre	St. Laurent Aboriginal Head Start Centre
Fuzzy Bears	Morrow Avenue Child Care, MAG Site
Cairns Children's Centre	Kinder Korner Early Learning Centre
Canterbury Park Daycare	Solid Foundations Montessori School
Thompson Children's World Daycare	Benito School
Roblin Day Nursery	Heritage Park Children's Programs
	Kidi-Garden Day Nurseries

The Purple Day Bunny Hop fundraiser continues to grow! What an amazing opportunity to increase awareness of epilepsy/seizure disorder!

We would like to thank the 22 organizations who registered for the Bunny Hop. In 2021, there were over 1200 children signed up to participate in the Bunny Hop!!! That is over 1200 children who learned about epilepsy/seizure disorder and celebrated Purple Day in support of epilepsy!!!!

## Purple Pumpkin Contest

### What is the Purple Pumpkin Project?

The Purple Pumpkin Project®... is a campaign to promote awareness of epilepsy to understand and support those affected by seizures and end the fear and misperceptions long associated with epilepsy



### How can you support the Purple Pumpkin Project?

This Halloween, paint or decorate your pumpkins purple in support of epilepsy, snap a picture, and send it to us to enter ESAM's Purple Pumpkin Contest.



Contest rules and prizes to be posted on ESAM social media pages and websites soon!



Time to start thinking about how you want to paint or decorate your pumpkins!

